

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the study of astronomy provides insight into the mysteries of our galaxy, investigates the origin of the universe, and supplies explanations for many facets of life on earth; and

**WHEREAS**, the Big Island of Hawai'i plays a central role in the exploration and understanding of the universe from world-class astronomical observatories on Mauna Kea; and

**WHEREAS**, the Challenger Center for Space Science Education has chosen Hawai'i as one of thirteen "Journey through the Universe" national sites; and

**WHEREAS**, cooperation between the Gemini Observatory, Keck Observatory, Institute for Astronomy, Hawai'i State Department of Education, University of Hawai'i at Hilo and all the Mauna Kea observatories has resulted in an educational program with an extensive impact on our community; and

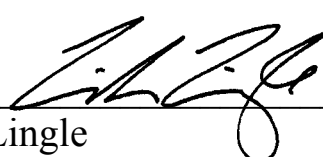
**WHEREAS**, the "Journey through the Universe" team from NASA and the Challenger Center, in conjunction with scientists from Mauna Kea observatories, will visit thousands of students and will train more than one hundred teachers at seventeen schools in the Hilo, Waiakea and Laupahoehoe areas of the Big Island during the week of January 21 through 28, 2006,

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE**, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim January 21 through 28, 2006, as

## **JOURNEY THROUGH THE UNIVERSE WEEK**

in Hawai'i, and thank astronomers for providing us with a greater understanding of the cosmos through their research and exploration efforts.

**Done** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fourteenth day of December 2005.

  
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Linda Lingle  
Governor, State of Hawai'i